

(e) the steps proposed to enable NHAI to welcome constructive criticism?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) National Highways Authority of India has not empanelled any Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs).

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) NHAI welcomes constructive criticism of all stake holders and ideas on road safety from various sections of society. The same may be considered for adoption on their merits and feasibility as per safety guidelines for highways.

#### **Connecting NH with Kolkata Port**

968. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 1560 given in Rajya Sabha on 16th December, 2004 and state:

(a) whether Government have received any report from consultant; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As per report received from consultant, the project for connecting NH-34 with Kolkata Port is not viable on Build Operate Transfer (Toll) basis even with maximum permissible grant of 40 per cent.

#### **Renewal of driving license**

969. SHRI VIJAYKUMAR RUPANI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that due to legal discord in Section 14(2) of the Motor Vehicles act 1988, persons obtaining the